

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03I-213T

IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED RATES FOR ENHANCED EXTENDED LOOPS, QWEST CORPORATION'S NINTH REVISED STATEMENT OF GENERALLY AVAILABLE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

ORDER OPENING DOCKET

Mailed Date: May 21, 2003
Adopted Date: April 23, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On March 4, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) submitted its Notice of Filing Ninth Revised Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions and Motion for Approval. By that filing, Qwest requested Commission approval of a number of changes to its Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT). One of the changes proposed by Qwest in the Ninth Revised SGAT concerned rates for Enhanced Extended Loops (EELs) Channel Performance.¹ AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc., and WorldCom, Inc., objected to Qwest's proposed EEL rates.

2. In Decision No. C03-0464 (Mailed Date of May 5, 2003), we allowed most of the Ninth Revised SGAT to take effect, in accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(f), including the proposed EEL rates. We stated, however, that the Commission would investigate in a separate docket the new rates for EEL Channel Performance. *See* Decision No. C03-0464, paragraph 5.

¹ EELs comprise unbundled loops, multiplexing/concentrating equipment, and dedicated transport.

Consistent with the discussion in Decision No. C03-0464, we now open this docket for the purpose of investigating EEL rates proposed in Qwest's Ninth Revised SGAT. The Commission or an Administrative Law Judge for the Commission will issue further procedural directives for this case by separate order.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. This docket is opened for the purpose of investigating whether the Commission should approve the rates for Enhanced Extended Loops proposed by Qwest Corporation in its Ninth Revised Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions. Further procedural directives will issue by separate order in this docket.

2. This Order is effective on its mailed date.

B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING April 23, 2003.

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